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DOCTORS FIGHT A DUEL.

Bloody Encounter Between H. R. Holmes and A. A. Ausplund.

THE LATTER MAY BE FATALLY HURT

The Bullet Wounds for Each—One Physician Claimed the Other Had Defamed His Character.

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 17.—A remarkable duel with pistols, which has thus far resulted in no fatalities, took place shortly before noon yesterday in the Dekum building, between Dr. Horatio R. Holmes, a very prominent physician, and Dr. Andres A. Ausplund, a younger member of the profession. The shooting took place in Dr. Holmes' reception-room, on the fourth floor of the building, where Dr. Ausplund had attempted, at the point of a pistol, so Holmes states, to coerce his brother physician into signing a retraction of some damaging statements he alleges Holmes had made concerning himself and friends, among the latter, presumably, Mrs. Dr. Chambers, resident physician at the Portland hospital. Incidentally publicity has been given to a serious scandal at the Portland hospital, in which Dr. Chambers was the central figure; and it was the attitude of Dr. Holmes, who was until recently connected with the medical staff of that institution, toward Dr. Chambers, who is a personal friend of Dr. Ausplund, that nerved the latter to his rash deed.

The shooting was highly sensational in all its details. Dr. Holmes is a prominent member of Portland's medical profession, and his office is in the very heart of the city. The exchange of pistol shots drew the attention of an immense crowd, which blocked the busiest corner in the city for nearly an hour. The motive for the crime and the publication of the trouble at the Portland hospital gives added coloring to the story of the duel, which would have been to the death had not the participants disabled each other by pistol shots that were not necessarily fatal. As it is, the life of Dr. Ausplund is despaired of. Dr. Holmes was severely shot, but will probably recover.

HOW THE AFFRAY BEGAN.

The shooting occurred at about 11:45 o'clock. The scene was room 28 on the fourth floor of the Dekum building, which is occupied in common by Drs. Holmes and Amos as a reception room. There were no spectators, even after the duellists had left the office, and were fighting in the hall, and it was not until the combatants were unable longer to continue their murderous work that others appeared on the scene. Accounts differ as to the number of shots fired, but it is certain that there were at least six, for that many took effect, three on each of the duellists. It is difficult to get at the exact facts as to how the fight commenced, as the combatants tell different stories, but it was substantially as follows:

Dr. Holmes was on his way to his office after a call upon City Physician Wheeler, when he met Dr. Ausplund at the entrance to the building. They must have passed up the stairs from the Washington-street entrance, as the elevator men did not see them. They must have been talking heatedly when they entered the office, for the door was left open; still, the occupants of adjoining offices heard no loud talk. The first intimation that there was trouble was the fusillade of pistol shots, which commenced within a very short time after they had entered the office.

Dr. Ausplund demanded that Dr. Holmes sign the written retraction which he had prepared. Dr. Holmes read it over, and said calmly:

"I cannot sign that, for I would then be lying, and I won't lie for any one."

"If you do not sign this paper at once," said Ausplund excitedly, "one of us must go into eternity."

So far the stories of the duellists agree. Dr. Holmes said that he ordered his visitor out of the office, and upon the latter refusing to go, and exhibiting a pistol to enforce his demand, struck him in the face with his clenched fist. Then Ausplund opened fire, his first ball striking Holmes just under the left breast, passing around the body under the skin, but doing no serious damage, and the second passing through the loose flesh under the chin. Dr. Holmes is known to be a very cool man, and he did not lose his presence of mind when Ausplund's pistol cracked. He had put a .38-caliber revolver in his pocket on the previous evening, having been warned that trouble might be expected

and drawing it hastily, returned Ausplund's fire. So close were the two men together that the paper which Ausplund had prepared, and which Holmes still held, was powder-marked and spattered with blood, and the first shot fired by Ausplund went through it.

NO ARRESTS WERE MADE.

The police authorities have taken no further action in the matter than to collect the evidence at hand, and are awaiting developments. Neither of the duellists has expressed any desire or willingness to prosecute the other. If any complaints are filed, it will probably be today.

King Oscar Will Decide

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—The Herald correspondent in Rio Janeiro telegraphs that the French charge d'affaires and the Brazilian minister of foreign affairs have signed a protocol agreeing to submit the question of the ownership of the territory of Amapa to arbitration, with the king of Sweden as referee. Each country is to be allowed until April, 1896, to submit its claim.

The inquiry into the imprisonment of Brazilians and the trials of the late governor of French Guiana and the commander of the gunboat Bengali will be suspended pending the decision of the king of Sweden, after which they will be subjects for diplomatic negotiations.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—The Herald's correspondent at Guayaquil, Ecuador, sends word that he has just received news of a battle which was fought near Rio Bamba between the forces of Alfaro and Sarasti. The former achieved a decisive victory, and Colonel Medardo Alfaro took prisoner Colonel Liaburn, General Sarasti's chief of staff. It is believed that the loss must have been heavy, as 8000 men were engaged on both sides. It is known, however, that General Alfaro's soldiers took 100 prisoners, including several officers, and that General Sarasti's force was reduced to 400 men as a result of the engagement.

A Steamer Ashore.

QUEENSTOWN, Aug. 16.—News reaches here that a large passenger steamer ran ashore on the coast in the vicinity of Ballycotton, to the eastward of this harbor. It is presumed to be a vessel bound for this port from either Liverpool or Southampton, although nothing definite is known. A dense fog was prevailing along the coast and coast guards went to Ballycotton with life-saving apparatus.

When the coast guardsmen arrived at Ballycotton they found the steamer had been floated, and proceeded on her journey. Her identity was not established.

DENVER, Aug. 16.—The two story brick building on Santa Fe and Ninth avenue, known as the O'Donnell block, collapsed today without warning. The following persons were injured: Mrs. Lector Miller, hit on the head by bricks; Fred Miller, 6 months old, severely bruised; Captain E. V. Williams, manager of the Rocky Mountains carriage works, arm cut. Just what caused the accident is not known, but it is supposed the heavy rains loosened the roof supports, drawing the side walls to the center. The damage amounts to about \$10,000.

General Imboden.

RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 16.—General John D. Imboden, the famous Confederate cavalry general, who died yesterday at Abington, in southwestern Virginia, was a graduate of the Virginia military institute. He participated in all the principal battles of the Rebellion. After the war he engaged largely in mining and railroad enterprises, but met frequent reverses and died poor. He was 75 years old, and was married four times.

An Open Switch.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 16.—The north-bound passenger train on the Cotton Belt railroad ran through an open switch at Stramp's station, Ark., last night. The engine and baggage and mail cars rolled down an embankment. No passengers were hurt. Webb, the engineer, and Fireman Dean were badly bruised; W. F. McCabe, an express messenger, had his leg broken; Cleveland, a mail clerk, had his arm dislocated, and J. P. Bland, a Pullman conductor, fractured his ankle.

Cuts Loose From Tammany.

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—Hon. W. Bourke Cockran announced that in the future he will not be connected in any capacity with Tammany Hall. No matter what lines of organization are determined on, he says, he will not affiliate with the organization or accept office as a Tammany Hall candidate.

A Life Sentenced.

BRANDON, Miss., Aug. 15.—Marshal Coleman and Fox were arraigned this morning for the murder of T. D. Dinkens, a few days ago. They pleaded guilty and were sentenced to the state penitentiary for life.

MANY PERSONS KILLED

A Denver Hotel Wrecked by an Explosion.

FIRE ADDS TO THE HORROR

From the Mass of Wreckage Can Be Heard the Moans of the Injured and the Dying.

DENVER, Aug. 19.—The Gurney hotel, No. 1725 to 1737 Lawrence street, was wrecked by a terrific explosion at 12:10 this (Monday) morning, the entire rear half of the building, a five-story brick and stone structure, going down with a crash. The hotel was crowded with guests, and many of them must have been killed, as well as the entire force of hotel employees who were sleeping in that portion of the building. On both sides of Lawrence street from Seventeenth to Eighteenth street, and on Lawrence street directly back of the Gurney, the plateglass windows of the business houses were blown in and a number of pedestrians were injured by falling glass. The fronts of many buildings in the vicinity were badly wrecked. The hotel structure, for 100 feet along the alley, and extending for 75 feet toward the front, is merely a mass of debris. Brick and plaster are piled in a heap 20 feet high, and from this mass of wreckage can be heard the moans of the injured and dying.

At 12:35 five injured people had been taken out. They were all inmates of the upper story, and sank down with the floors, escaping more fortunately than those below, who are still buried in the ruins. The firemen are working like beavers digging into the debris, but are making little progress.

The remaining portion of the building, from which the guests are being removed by ladders as fast as possible, is expected to fall any moment, and precautions to avert further loss of life add to the difficulty in reaching the dead and injured. By some estimates 40 people were in the portion of the hotel destroyed, nearly all of whom must be dead. It will be morning before a correct list can be obtained.

The cause of the explosion is uncertain, but it is supposed that the battery of boilers in the hotel basement must have exploded. The sound of the explosion was heard throughout the city, awakening people in bed a mile from the scene. A cloud of dust was thrown a thousand feet into the air, and as there is not a breath of air stirring, it still hangs in the air like a huge column. Minute atoms of powdered brick and mortar are descending like gentle snow many blocks away.

At 12:50 the ruins are burning fiercely, and the firemen have been obliged to retreat from the work of rescue. Every engine in the city is pouring streams of water into the seething mass, but the flames cannot possibly be gotten under control before many of the injured have been cremated.

As their chances of escape lessen, the cries of the imprisoned people are increasing, heartrending shrieks rising from every portion of the great mass of wreckage. Fears are now entertained that the front portion of the building, which seems to be tottering, will fall and bury the firemen at their work.

THRILLING EXPERIENCE.

Mountain Party Nearly Perished.

SEATTLE, Aug. 17.—A party of seven mountain climbers from the Puget Sound Methodist University had a thrilling experience on Mount Rainier last Sunday. The ascent of the mountain was made without difficulty, but in returning from the summit to the "Camp of Clouds," 5,000 feet below them, but which is at an altitude of about 9,000 feet, the party was lost in a dense bank of fog. They could see nothing but a waste of fog and snow. Night came on and they were still lost. They tramped until hunger and weariness compelled them to stop. Huddling behind a pile of rocks they finally decided to spend the rest of the night there and wait for the fog to raise. Here the party nearly froze to death. The wind blew so hard that the only way they could keep their blankets from blowing away was by loading them with heavy stones. But morning came and they again found their trail and late Monday afternoon they reached "Camp of Clouds," frost bitten, starved and worn out. Dr. Misner, one of the party, ruptured a blood vessel and is seriously ill as a result of forty-eight hours on Mount Rainier's summit. The rest of the party are not seriously injured.

Rev. W. M. Jeffries delivered a sermon on the summit last Sunday entitled "The Sermon on the Mount."

The Farmers Resisted.

OAKESDALE, Aug. 17.—A judgement was obtained in the justice court here against Rowe Bros., farmers, and an execution was issued on 300 sacks of oats. Fearing trouble, the constable placed three men to guard them last night. At midnight, the guards were called upon by 25 men, all armed with Winchester rifles and shotguns, and told to leave. They left at once. The oats were then hauled off, two four-horse loads being found five miles north, and the same amount the distance south of the place. These were secured. No arrests have been made. This is the second case of armed resistance to guards on crops in Whitman county.

A New Country Opened Up.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., Aug. 17.—Twenty-five immigrants from Oregon passed through Goldendale today, en route to the Cedar valley country, with a view of locating on government land. The prospect of a railway up the Klickitat has revived the interest of the settlers in the future of the Cedar valley region. It is estimated that the proposed railway will afford an outlet for that new country. It is said there are seven townships in that vicinity open for entry. The heavy grade of the present wagon road will be avoided, and an excellent wagon road can be built to the railway on the Big Klickitat.

He Will Heed the Warning.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Aug. 17.—R. S. Pilley, postmaster, mayor, justice of the peace, Sunday-school superintendent and Methodist deacon, of Georgiana, Butler county, has been made to leave town. He wrote a note to a respectable young woman of Georgiana, making improper proposals. He asserted the note was sent at the request of his brother as a test. At a mass meeting the citizens demanded Pilley's immediate resignation from all his public trusts, and that he leave town at once, or accept the consequences. He will leave. Pilley was one of the most prominent men in this section.

Peffer Says It Was Like a Volcano.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Aug. 17.—A state official who wrote Senator Peffer, of Kansas, asking him whether he had gone back on free silver, received a reply this morning denouncing the "partisan newspaper press," and asserting emphatically that the free-silver craze is not dying out, but is fast widening its field. It was like a volcano which could not be suppressed by covering the crater. The belief in the East that it was dying out, he added, was due to the fact it had now passed the pyrotechnic stage of noises and demonstration.

They Climbed the Selkirk.

TACOMA, Aug. 17.—A party of 25 members of the Appalachian Mountain Club, of Boston, headed by Professor C. E. Foy, of Tufts college, arrived tonight from the Selkirk mountains, in the Northwest territory, which they successfully explored. They will pass Sunday here, and may go into the Cascade mountains for a climb next week.

Wages of Twelve Hundred Operators Advanced.

WALTHAM, Mass., Aug. 17.—The operatives at the Boston manufacturing mills were informed today that wages would be increased from 4 to 10 per cent, to take effect September 3. The advance is general throughout all the departments of the company. The company employs 1200 operatives.

Justice Strong is Dying.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Advices received here indicate that all hope of the recovery of Justice Strong (retired), of the supreme court, has been abandoned. He rallied two or three days ago, but later reports from Lake Minnewaska say he has lost consciousness and cannot survive much longer.

Montreal's Great Loss.

MONTREAL, Aug. 17.—Forty thousand dollars' worth of securities have been purloined from the safes of the city treasurer in the city hall. City Treasurer Robbs admits the securities are missing. William McDonough, who has charge of the securities, is sick in bed, and cannot be seen.

San Francisco's Tallest Building.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—Clas Spreckles, the sugar king, has let contracts for the construction in this city of the tallest building west of Chicago. The structure will be situated at the corner of Market and Third streets and will be 15 stories high. The estimated cost is \$1,000,000.

Forest Fires in Washington.

SEATTLE, Aug. 19.—Settlers along the Lake Samish report there is an unbroken line of forest fires from Belfast to the lake, destroying large as well as small timber, and rendering the atmosphere almost suffocating.

A SAD BEGINNING

Three Young Men Drowned the First Regatta Day.

SLOOP MONOGRAM CAPSIZES

Governor Budd Considered Out of Danger—Russian Barracks Undermined—Telegraphic News.

ASTORIA, Aug. 19.—During the regatta today, while the sloop race was on, a most distressing accident occurred. The Monogram, built in this city by J. Leathers expressly for this regatta, capsized, and three men were drowned. There were 17, all told, on board. The other 14 were rescued. The drowned are:

Louis Bilger, of Portland, aged 23; Ossenberger, of this city, aged 17, and Frank Meadows, a painter of this city. Those saved were rescued by those aboard the steamer Alarm, the judges' boat, which was following the race in its official capacity.

It seems that the sailing master a Russian, commonly known as "Aleck," neglected to warn the crew to shift ballast, with the result that the heavy ballast and the crew of people made the boat so over that she took water. The ballast shifting to the stern, submerged that end and she went down like a log. Just at this time Captain W. E. Parrott, in command of the judges' boat, noticing that the Monogram was not being hauled rightly, steamed after her as rapidly as possible, arriving on the scene within a few minutes after the accident happened. He succeeded in picking up most of the crew and passengers, but just before arriving he noticed two who did not again rise to the surface. These were John Ossenberger and Lewis Bilger. Every effort was made to save the men.

Ran Into a Train in a Fog.

LONG BEACH, Wash., Aug. 19.—The first serious accident to mar the pleasure of those who are sojourning here occurred at 6 o'clock this morning. Dwight Hinman, a section hand employed on the I. R. & N. railway, borrowed a handcar of L. A. Loomis, president of the road, and started for Ocean Park, much against the wishes of the latter, who told him the train was due. There was a dense fog at the time, and between Ocean Park and the lifesaving station Hinman ran into the train. He was thrown from the car, which pinned him to the track, and two coaches passed over his right leg, necessitating amputation. Dr. Fulton, of Portland, is of the belief that his injuries are fatal. Hinman is a married man and the father of several children. No blame is attached to the engineer of the train.

Budd Out of Danger.

What California's Governor Now Needs Is Much Rest.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 19.—Edward McCabe, private secretary of Governor Budd says:

The governor is a very sick man, but there is no danger of fatality. His physicians will keep him confined to the house for another week, after which, if he is in condition for a trip, he will probably go to some springs for recuperation. It will doubtless be at least six weeks before he will attempt to attend to business. No one is allowed to disturb him. We do not even send him the correspondence of the office. Any papers requiring his signature are sent him, but in accordance with the directions of his physicians, he is not harassed by details. All fear of spinal meningitis has disappeared, but the governor is yet very weak. He is not able to move from his bed to the lounge without assistance. What he needs is absolute rest, without being disturbed in the slightest degree.

Holmes' "Castle" Burned.

CHICAGO, Aug. 19.—H. H. Holmes' "castle," at Sixty-third and Wallace streets, which is said to have been the scene of numerous murders by the owner, was discovered to be on fire at 12:30 this morning. After an hour of hard work the firemen succeeded in getting the flames under control, but not until after they had left the building in a condition to become more of a curiosity than it was while being searched by the police for evidence of murder. The fire had its origin in the restaurant occupied by J. H. Barton, and was caused by the explosion of a lamp. An immense crowd gathered to witness the fire, and during the progress the remarks of those present indicated that the neighborhood was not sorry to be rid of the notorious building. Someone caused

some excitement by asking where the Quinlan family was. Pat Quinlan and his wife and Farmer Owen were released by the police Saturday, but none of them have since been seen about the building. When the fire had eaten its way through the second floor, it began to consume the effects of the Quinlans, and for a time it was thought that some members of the family might be in the apartments. Investigation by the firemen, however, disclosed no sign of life, and it was afterwards said that the Quinlans had gone to the farm in Michigan, where their daughter had been staying since their arrest. The household furniture of the Quinlans was destroyed. The total loss, however, will not, it is said, be much over \$55,000.

The restaurant in which the fire started is on the ground floor. The flames jumped up through the dummy elevator, and burned the asbestos of the dead-ends, in such a manner that the police will be unable to make any further investigation, even if they desired to do so. People remained about the building all night, and the police had hard work to keep them from placing themselves in positions where they were liable to be injured by falling timbers.

Miscellaneous Armenians.

CHICAGO, Aug. 18.—A meeting of Armenians, held last night, broke up in a riot, in which a number of persons were injured. Even before the alarm was given people hurried to North Clark street and Michigan street, attracted by the uproar that came from the open windows of the hall where the Armenian National Union was holding a meeting. In a few moments the street was blocked. From the windows of the hall came the sound of terrific battle, of flying chairs and curious voices. Then suddenly the noise was hushed, and down the stairs came nearly 100 men. Some were bloodstained. One with his head bound in a handkerchief, appeared to be insensible, and had to be carried away by his friends. There was scarcely a man without a black eye or some mark of conflict about him.

The trouble seems to have arisen over the election of officers. After the riot had subsided the police arrived, but they could not find the leaders, and no arrests were made. None of those injured were thought to be fatally hurt.

Two Lives Saved.

Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill., was told by her doctors she had consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thos. Eggers, 139 Florida St. San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching consumption, tried without result everything else, then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which these are samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in coughs and colds. Free trial bottles at the Snipes-Kinersly Drug Co.'s. Regular size 50c. and \$1.00.

Non-Partisan Silverites.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 16.—At noon today the non-partisan silver convention, called by the American Bimetallic League, met at the Metropolitan Hall. The convention will continue in session three days. An address of welcome and statement of the objects of the convention was made by George W. Baker, the chairman of the executive committee. Senator Perkins has written a long letter to the committee explaining his views on the silver question. He concludes, however, with the statement that he feels bound by the free-coinage plank of the Sacramento convention.

Governor McConnell, of Idaho, has written that he will attend the convention if the duties of his office permit.

A Child's Horrible Death.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 19.—The little 3-year-old daughter of Alexander Wagner died this morning from terrible injuries received yesterday. While playing in the garden she fell through a sheet of glass placed over some cucumbers, the glass cutting her in the stomach and completely disemboweling her.

Bank of Tacoma Falls.

TACOMA, Aug. 16.—The bank of Tacoma, formerly the Tacoma Trust & Savings Company, this morning made an assignment to its creditors. Its statement shows cash on hand, \$444 18, loans, \$279,072 20; total liabilities, \$378,916 64, of which \$228,064 77 is city money deposited. The bank has long been regarded as insecure.

Accommodation Train Upset.

CINCINNATI, O., Aug. 19.—The Lawrenceburg & Aurora accommodation train left the track today. The engine and three coaches rolled down a 20-foot embankment. Engineer Harry Brecker, of Indianapolis, was killed, and several passengers slightly bruised.